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Sir:

In accordance with the Applicants' duty to disclose information which may be material to the examination of this application, the undersigned respectfully requests that the Examiner consider on the merits the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 (modified) before issuing the first Office Action on the merits. Copies of the foreign patent documents and the non-patent publications listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 (modified) are enclosed herewith for the Examiner's convenience. Copies of the U.S. patent documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 (modified) are not enclosed, pursuant to Deputy Commissioner Stephen G. Kunin's Pre OG Notice dated July 11, 2003, with the exception of U.S. Patent Application Nos. 10/893,105 and 10/893,106 because these applications have not yet been published.

It should be noted that the above-identified application may be related by subject matter to the following U.S. Application(s): 10/759,510, filed January 15, 2004 (published as U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0165620 A1); 10/893,105, filed on July 15, 2004; and 10/893,106, filed on July 15, 2004. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.56(a) and M.P.E.P. 2004, paragraph 9, the applicant brings these co-pending applications to the attention of the Examiner. The Examiner should consider this information during

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the prosecution of the above-identified application. However, citation of these applications does not constitute an admission that the claims of the present application are substantially similar or similar to those of the applications listed above.

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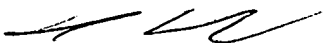
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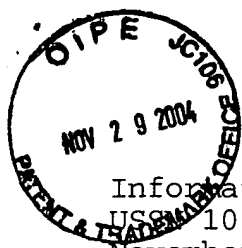
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